

MARRIED AND MATED.

Conditions Conducive to the Greatest Matrimonial Happiness.

Difference in Age of Bride and Bridegroom and Its Effects.

Novel Contest for an "Evening World" Golden Prize.

Should husband and wife be near the same age, or should the wife be much younger?

Reasons for a Wife's Youth.

The wife should be much younger, for economic, physiological and sentimental reasons. The husband is bachelornish, which requires the judgment, strength and skill of age. In bachelornish he has charge of occupation, air and society, which preserves his health and causes him to grow old slowly and to invigorate and expand his mind.

His wife is the housemaker; her duties are ordering her home, managing household affairs, doing domestic concerns attending to the home comforts of her husband, bearing, caring for, rearing, training and educating her children—physically, mentally and morally—which requires that she be young, mature, healthy and have some physical, mental and moral qualities.

Her duties are indoors and exhaustive; hence her health deteriorates and she ages fast. She has little intellectual society, but finds all she lacks in him; he finds his life after.

He has given his strength to her while child-bearing; she gives her strength to him in his declining years, and both are equal.

The happiest marriage is in mutual love, and a difference of ages, in which the wife shall be the age of her husband, plus seven, or approximately so.

T. B. FARNsworth.

To the Editor:

Two people who truly love each other may live together many years, continuing to love and respect one another; but if there is a great difference in their ages, and they are forced to live together, it almost invariably does their true hearts may try hard to "beat as one," but their souls will not have the "single thought" and each will secretly feel a keen disappointment, and know that they have been the cause, indeed the real cause, which are far from being the only who have made the truly happy marriage.

C. B. A.

A Charming Picture Drawn.

If those thinking of marriage would only wait long enough the age would make no difference. Two or three years is about right. They are more apt to be of the same mind, and if they love each other they will never grow old to each other and will be happy.

Let the man be the older. No young girl can be happy with an old man. A man is the same to her as a woman is to her wrinkles, gray hairs and all. The true man will see over the sweet girl face of the one he loved and won, and it will brighten his life after.

She has more advantages of love; the boy, who is after, will not want to marry for love, not money. Few young men have money, unless left to them and if they are men, they will not need it.

A cheerful face will never seem old. Let them be of the same age, and then let them walk together.

A HAPPY WIFE OF EIGHT YEARS.

Younger, but not Much Younger.

A girl's happiness depends wholly upon the man she marries; and a girl can never be happy with a husband twice her own age.

But unhappiness is nothing compared with the misery which awaits the woman who marries a man twice her age. A wife who is older than her husband considers herself too superior, and once let her get this opinion and the happiness of both is ended, as a woman cannot love and obey a man she considers her inferior.

What is the outcome of such a marriage? What kind of life can two such people lead, neither bearing ought but hatred for each other? What life their children are compelled to lead at home—a home where the motto is "Peace" would be more appropriate than the motto "In God We Trust" in the home of an atheist. Therefore, I say that a girl should be younger, but near the same age as the man she marries.

J. B. C.

Might Tire of December.

The dual union is, without doubt, of a man and woman who are nearly, if not quite, equal in all things, intelligence, position, wealth and age.

It is rarely that youth and old age, living together in the closest of all relations, do not in time tire of each other, and find it necessary to exercise patience and gentle forbearance in order to avoid friction.

But at the same time that these beautiful young men, but he has deep, tender eyes, and something of Spring's gentle touch in his nature, and a heavenly gift—a pure, true and beautiful soul.

These are the most women who never grow old. Every year that passes over their heads seems to add a new grace and beauty to their forms and faces.

M. K.

The Force of Example.

I think the man should have the advantage of the woman in age, but not in too great a degree; say from three to six years. If there is too much difference the joys and pleasures of one are apt to be at variance with the other. For instance, there are exceptions; but I think, as a rule, marriage is more congenial where the man is the elder in experience well.

MARGUERITE.

Ladies' Reasons.

He—And why has the Women's Club endorsed Faith, Cure?

She—Because "there are more things in heaven and earth than are dreamt of in our philosophy."

He—"I should say so! Common sense, for instance."

She Was Proper.

"Let's go over to the grocery," said a sixteen-year-old boy to a five-year-old girl. "and get a stick of candy."

"Not, unless I can secure a chaperone," replied the little maid.

The Kind of Quantity.

"How She Thinks It Ought to Be."

A man should never marry under the age of twenty-four. By that time he has seen a little of the world and he will know how to appreciate a good wife.

As for girls, I would advise them all to marry between eighteen and twenty-three, and to marry their first loves. You will find to-day the best wives are those who have married young. They have not had a chance to meet and become infatuated with first one, and then the other. Now, when you have married, you will have only love. She will no other that will take his place, and with those ideas a woman will always make a pure and happy wife, also a good, loving and devoted mother to her children.

Miss A. M.

A Difference That is Real Equality.

The tastes must be congenial to insure a happy married life, and as two people at the same age are more likely to have congenial tastes than those of widely different ages, a man and woman should be of an age to insure their happiness when married. But as a man at twenty-five is no older than most young women,

Both Indisposed.

Miss Bleeker is under the weather this morning.

Repub—Noboby has ever been able to satisfy me that Harrison's private life is perfect. You yourself told that I think the question is, "Can we agree him from private life?"

That's Why.

Electricians are naturally protectionists.

"Why?"

"Because they believe in the chin market."

Those beautiful sideboards at \$25, \$30, \$35, \$40, \$45, offered this week by BAILEY & MOORE CO., West 14th St., are organs indeed.

THE WIDOW'S WAGER.

A Game of Chess as a Modern Match-Maker.

Widow Deane sat at the front window of her little parlor one morning, busy with some kind of fan-work which showed off her plump, well-shaped hands, with the wedding ring sparkling on her left one, to the best advantage. She was a very pretty widow, and no one was better aware of the fact than she was. Her sun-glowing dress set off plump and trim a figure as any in Boston's thoroughfares, and nowhere in the whole neighborhood could you find a single pair of brown eyes or more kissable.

Indeed, very young widows are always pretty and charming! No matter how pale they may be before their husbands die, the way of all flesh, straightway after that takes place, and they come out in black dresses and the other strollers of a mourning toil; they are voted be-

PLAYS AND THE PLAYERS. SPORTING TALK OF THE DAY.

Miss St. John's Presentation of the "Princess Zilah."

The Kendalls Turning Away People from the Fifth Avenue.

A performance of a play called "Princess Zilah" was given yesterday afternoon at the Fifth Avenue Theatre, in aid of the funds of the Little Mothers' Society, a very commendable charity, in which Mrs. Edward Kidder, Mrs. A. M. Palmer and other ladies were interested. The audience, however, was very small, and the performance extremely trying. None of the little mothers were there, though little mothers will have an entertainment of their own Oct. 23, at Chickering Hall, so Mrs. Kidder announced yesterday.

There is a greater demand for papermakers than ever, was noted for some time past. The men that he won in his battle with Jack Dempsey are all gone. The Nonpareil is lying low and awaiting with eagerness the day when desperation shall drive La Blanche into making another match with him.

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